

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alex Haley was thrust upon the American scene at a time when millions of people yearned for a sense of heritage and community; and,

WHEREAS, Roots immediately became a literary and social phenomenon, the catalyst for a spiritual reunion of the American family; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Haley's search beyond Henning, Tennessee, to Juffure, Gambia, not only illuminates the black experience in America, it also transcends all cultures, races, and generations; and,

WHEREAS, Roots has reawakened Americans' desire to know who we are and how we got that way; and,

WHEREAS, Alex Haley's personal yet universal quest has taught us that we cannot ignore the past any more than we can escape the future; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his monumental experience, Alex Haley has remained a man of compassion and understanding, an honored prophet in his homeland; and,


WHEREAS, Black Hills State College and the South Dakota Humanities Council have invited Alex Haley to speak at an open forum on October 28 in Spearfish:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 28, 1981, as

ALEX HALEY DAY

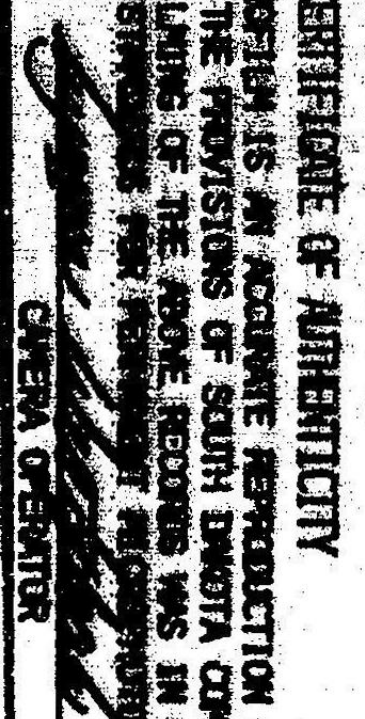
in South Dakota, and I personally salute Alex Haley for showing all of us that people who know where they have been are better able to see where they are going.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTGRAPHIC IMAGE APPEARING ON THIS SLIDE OF MICROFILM IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILLED LAWS 1-2-4. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25% ROL NO. 2 DATE MICROFILMED 12-1-81  
  
CHERYL OPERATOR